

The Collector of Customs in each port of the Tongan Islands has to perform the duties of Postmaster as well. Quarters are allowed the Tongan officials.

It will be noted that in both Fiji and in Tonga there are three ports of entry, whilst in Samoa there is one.

The relative approximate amount of money collected by the Customs Departments in the three Governments, including the class of taxes and licenses, which are included in the Samoan amount, is:—

						Samoa.	Fiji.	Tonga.
Customs—						£	£	£
Import and export	..	..	..	..	..	76,700	286,500	40,000
Licenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,000	2,100
Business profits	..	..	..	..	..	..	34,100	..
Residential tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	21,700	..
						<u>£76,700</u>	<u>£352,300</u>	<u>£42,200</u>
Compare with cost of collecting, as stated above	..	..	..	..	..	£2,481	£5,020	£2,148*

* This disbursement covers also the cost of the Post Office Department in Tonga.

Harbour Department.

						Samoa.	Fiji.	Tonga.
						£	£	£
Harbourmaster	..	..	..	..	..	590	400 (Suva) 340 (Levuka)	290 (Nukualofa). 276 (Haapai). 230 (Vavau).
Assistant Harbourmaster	..	..	..	..	..	200	..	..
Clerk	..	..	..	..	..	114	..	..
						<u>904</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>796</u>
Launches	..	..	..	..	..	910	..	..
Maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	250*	..
						<u>£2,814</u>	<u>£1,030</u>	<u>£796</u>

The Harbourmasters in Tonga act as boarding officers for Customs.

* Includes the wages of twenty-five lighthouse-keepers, signal-station keeper, and Inspectors of lighthouses.

The revenues of the respective Harbour Departments are—

						Samoa.	Fiji.	Tonga.
Port and wharfage, pilot fees, &c.						£2,487 15s. 9d.	£16,116	£3,720
No wharfage revenue is obtained in Samoa, as in Fiji and Tonga.								

Department of Justice.

It is the opinion of the committee that this Department is conducted with economy, but owing to the holder of the appointment of Registrar being called to fulfil the duties of other officials in the Administration who have been granted leave of absence the service of his division of the Department of Justice is hampered unnecessarily.

A comparison of the cost is here shown:—

						Samoa.	Fiji.	Tonga.
						£	£	£
Chief Justice	..	..	..	..	..	1,000*	1,000	750
Crown Prosecutor and Registrar	..	..	..	..	..	750*	900†	..
Deputy Registrar	..	..	..	..	..	420	..	..
Samoan staff	..	..	..	..	..	374	..	..
Registrar Supreme Court	..	..	..	..	..	..	575	..
Police Magistrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	575	415‡
Titles Clerk	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	..
Other charges	..	..	..	..	..	196	1,950	1,260
						<u>£2,730</u>	<u>£5,400</u>	<u>£2,425</u>

* House allowance.

† Attorney-General.

‡ Two holders.

Police Department.

						Samoa.	Fiji.	Tonga.
						£	£	£
Inspector	..	..	..	..	..	650	600(a)	480(b)
District Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	460	250
						..	350	..
						..	345	..
						..	345	..
						..	330	..
						..	300	..
Senior Sergeant	..	..	..	..	..	455	..	700*
Mounted police	..	..	..	..	..	400	..	..
Foot police	..	..	..	..	..	330	..	157†
Clerk and Accounting Officer	..	..	..	..	..	350	230	..
All others	..	..	..	..	..	4,652	7,097	1,976
						<u>£6,837</u>	<u>£10,057</u>	<u>£3,563</u>

* Six holders.

† Two holders.